



# CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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**UPDATE #2**

## **INTERSTATE 215 CLOSED IN MURRIETA FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR WORK**

**MURRIETA** – California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) closed both north and southbound Interstate 215 (I-215) just north of Murrieta Hot Springs Road on Wednesday evening due to a damaged 10-foot diameter drainage culvert under both directions of the freeway.

I-215 in the City of Murrieta will remain closed until the emergency repairs are completed. Caltrans expects to get the southbound I-215 open by Sunday evening, weather permitting. The northbound side should open to traffic by late Tuesday.

Caltrans Maintenance inspectors identified a depression in the median on Monday, February 16, that grew to a sinkhole approximately 25 feet wide by 6 feet deep in size by Wednesday. In addition, corrosion was subsequently discovered in the drainage culvert, crossing beneath the freeway that required the freeway to close on Wednesday evening for safety reasons. The engineers' estimate is \$6 million to replace approximately 250 feet of the drainage pipe and remove and replace the asphalt pavement. Caltrans has hired SEMA Construction to complete the repairs under a District Director's emergency order.

The contractor is digging a 50 foot wide by 20 feet deep trench to excavate the pipe and replace it. His crews will be working around the clock through this weekend to get it open as soon as possible. Concrete backfill will be used to mitigate any effects from future corrosion.

Caltrans appreciates the public's patience as we work to get the road repaired and back open. To avoid delays, drivers are asked to avoid the area if possible over the weekend. Alternate routes are provided below

**ALL TRUCK TRAFFIC MUST DETOUR** to State Route 74! Use SR-74 to travel between I-15 and I-215. SR-74 is approximately 15 miles north of Temecula.

### **I-215 SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC- UPDATE**

**PASSENGER VEHICLES MUST EXIT** at Los Alamos Road

Right on Los Alamos Road to Hancock Avenue

Left on Hancock Avenue to Murrieta Hot Springs Road

Left on Murrieta Hot Springs Road to southbound I-215

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## I-215 NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC

**PASSENGER VEHICLES MUST DIVERT** on northbound I-15 to Murrieta Hot Springs Road.  
Right on Murrieta Hot Springs Road to Hancock Avenue  
Left on Hancock Avenue to Los Alamos Road  
Right on Los Alamos Road to northbound I-215

Electronic advisory signs have been posted to advise motorists. Visit [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info) for more information relating to this and other Caltrans, District 8 projects. Click on "News and Document Center" or contact us at (866) 383-4631.

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